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Mikaelsen, Ben

Touching Spirit Bear

After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on Native American Circle Justice, and is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

Na, An

A Step from Heaven

A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.

Napoli, Donna Jo

Bound

Fourteen-year-old stepchild Xing-Xing endures a life of neglect and servitude, as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child's feet so that she alone might marry well.

Ockler, Sarah

The Book of Broken Hearts

Jude has learned a lot from her older sisters, the most important thing being that the Vargas brothers are notorious heartbreakers, but as Jude begins to fall for Emilio Vargas, she wonders if her sisters were wrong.

Osa, Nancy

Cuba 15

Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming quinceañera, a Spanish name for the celebration of a Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.

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Perkins, Mitali

Bamboo People

Two Burmese boys, one a Karenni refugee and the other the son of an imprisoned Burmese doctor, meet in the jungle and in order to survive they must learn to trust each other.

Resau, Laura and
Farinango, María Virginia

The Queen of Water

Living in a village in Ecuador, a Quechua Indian girl is sent to work as an indentured servant for an upper class "mestizo" family.

Resau, Laura

Red Glass

Sixteen-year-old Sophie has been frail and delicate since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to adopt was born.

Restrepo, Bettina

Illegal

Nora, a fifteen-year-old Mexican girl, faces the challenges of being an illegal immigrant in Texas when she and her mother cross the border in search of Nora's father.

Soto, Gary

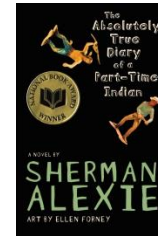
Buried Onions

When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican-American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.

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If You Enjoyed Reading



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang

You Might Also Enjoy These
Culturally Diverse Books

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Ahdieh, Renée

The Wrath & the Dawn

In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace.

Alexie, Sherman

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Basso, Leah

Lost Girl Found

When war comes to her Sudanese village, Poni must run for her life. Driven by her will to survive and the hope that she can somehow make it to the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, Poni sets out on a long trek across the east African countryside with thousands of refugees.

Cisneros, Sandra

The House on Mango Street

For Esperanza, a young girl growing up in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago, life is an endless landscape of concrete and run-down tenements, and she tries to rise above the hopelessness.

De la Peña, Matt

Mexican Whiteboy

Danny searches for his identity amidst the confusion of being half-Mexican and half-white while spending a summer with friends on the baseball fields of San Diego County, California.

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Edmond, Stephen

Bright Lights, Dark Nights

Walter Wilcox's first love, Naomi, happens to be African American, so when Walter's policeman father is caught in a racial profiling scandal, the teens' bond and mutual love of the Foo Fighters may not be enough to keep them together through the pressures they face at school, at home, and online.

Goodman, Shawn

Something Like Hope

Shavonne, a fierce, desperate seventeen year-old in juvenile lockup, wants to turn her life around before her eighteenth birthday, but corrupt guards and shadows from her past make her task seem impossible.

Halls, Kelly Milner

Girl Meets Boy: Because there are Two Sides to Every Story

Twelve authors of young adult fiction collaborate on this collection of paired stories told alternately from the point of view of the boy and the girl.

Han, Jenny

To All the Boys I've Loved Before

Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent.

Jiang, Ji-Li

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution

Provides the story of Ji-li Jiang, a twelve-year-old girl growing up in China in 1966, the year that Chairman Mao launched the Cultural Revolution.

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Jiménez, Francisco

The Circuit

Offers a look at a migrant family, detailing their daily life and the struggles they endured to build an existence on the small opportunities they were given.

Kamkwamba, William

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope

The story of a young boy in Africa who, using materials salvaged from a junk yard, builds a windmill and brings electricity to his town for the first time.

Lake, Nick

In Darkness available to download

In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, fifteen-year-old Shorty is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital, and as he grows weaker he has visions and memories of his life, and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in the 1804.

Lee, Stacey

Under a Painted Sky

In 1845, Sammy, a Chinese American girl, and Annamae, an African American slave girl, disguise themselves as boys and travel on the Oregon Trail to California from Missouri.

McCormick, Patricia

Never Fall Down

Arn Chorn-Pond, a child soldier in Cambodia, must use his wits to survive under the brutal and deadly Khmer Rouge regime.

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